

REMARKS

The above election along with the above amendments and following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated March 10, 2003 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 3), the period for response to which is set to expire on April 10, 2003.

Election / Restriction Requirement

The Examiner is provisionally respectfully requested to review the substance of Claims 1 through 4 and 9 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Claims 1 through 4 and 9 that are drawn to a liquid crystal display device are elected, while remaining claims 6, 7, and 8 are withdrawn from further prosecution without prejudice and traverse. However, it is understood that if a generic claim is found allowable, the non-elected species claims will be drawn back into the case, and allowed with the other allowed claims in the case. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims, if warranted. Claim 5 is canceled and new claim 9 is being submitted for consideration.

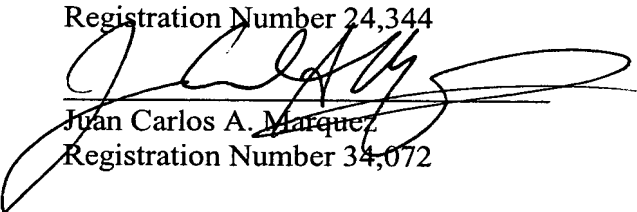
Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and

allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

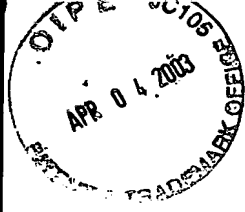
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1. A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
 - a first [,] housing;
 - a second housing; [and]
 - a third housing;
 - a liquid crystal display panel fixed between [the] said first housing and said second housing [s];
 - a light source fixed to [the] said third housing[;], wherein said [the] second housing and said third housing[s] [being] are detachable, and
 - wherein [the] said first housing, said second housing and said third housing[s] [being] overlap [ped one another];
 - a timing-converter board [being] fixed to an opposite side surface of [the] said third housing to a side surface, [and] wherein said [to which the] light source is fixed to said a side surface; and [,]
 - protrusions formed on [the] said opposite side surface to determine a maximum thickness of the liquid crystal display device.

4. A [The] liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further comprising an optical sheet fixed to [the] said second housing.